RPF and Station Staff have been launched to prevent carriage of inflammable material etc. and intensive publicity campaigns have been launched to educate travelling public.

Statement by Railway Officials at accident site

676. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in earlier accidents and even after the recent derailment of Magadh Express, Railway officials at the site gave statements to the Press covering the derailment that this was a case of sabotage;

(b) if so, whether Railways feels the need to instruct Railway officials to restrain from making such statements to the Press about possible causes of accidents before the investigation of each rail mishap is completed;

(c) whether Railways is willing to release transparent investigation reports on all rail mishaps in future; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Publication of inquiry reports of serious train accidents, is done by the Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety, who works under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Rail Line between Samdari and Jasai

677. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of passenger trains running between Samdari-Barmer-Jasai of Rajasthan;

(b) whether there has been inordinate delay in laying of railway lines in that section;